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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF) Administrative Action	
MARK HARRY STEINHOFF, D.M.D. License No. 9188)	FINAL ORDER
TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY IN THE)	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY)	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry by consent order between respondent and the State Board of Dentistry filed July 15, 1986. The consent order which is incorporated by reference and attached provided respondent an opportunity to come before the Board for mitigation of penalty

On July 23, 1986 respondent appeared with his counsel, Pamela Mandel, Esq., to speak in mitigation of penalty. Maxine H. Neuhauser, Deputy Attorney General appeared on behalf of the State. Respondent testified that the cases which formed the basi of the action against him were a very small percentage of his total patient case load. He stated that those cases were not indicative of his practice and that each involved a unique and difficult case. He admitted that his treatment of Wendy Steinhold

was not proper in that he medicated symptoms without offering treatment; however, he explained that this case was particularly difficult because he was attempting to treat his wife during the breakup of their marriage. He admitted to having kept poor recordeduring the period in question, but stated that he has since improved his recordkeeping. He attributed his failure to register with the State Board of Dentistry from 1979 to 1985 to oversight. He indicated that the financial penalty imposed by the consent order would be very burdensome to him and requested a reduction in the assessment. In addition, he requested that the Board remove the suspension and that he be given a longer period of time to complete the ordered continuing education.

It is the determination of the Board that the sanctions imposed by the consent order are appropriate to the case. The Board is not persuaded that the mitigation offered by respondent should alter the terms of the consent order. Therefore,

IT IS ON THIS 31 DAY OF July 1

- 1. The provisions of the consent order entered into Legrand Lespondent, Mark Harry Steinhoff, D.M.D., and the New Terrary Steinhoff are hereby affirmed.
- 2. The effective date of the order, including the date upon which respondent's active suspension shall begin, is August 22, 1225.
- 3. Respondent's first monthly payment of penalties and ze paid by November 1, 1986. The remaining payments

shall be made by the first day of the following five months.

Richard J. VanSciver, D.D.S

President

State Board of Dentistry